

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-21 and 29-45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

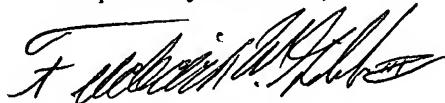
The above changes to the claims have been made to cancel claims being prosecuted in separate applications. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 22-28 pending in the present application.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corp., Armonk, New York, at Reel 012040, Frame 0274.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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